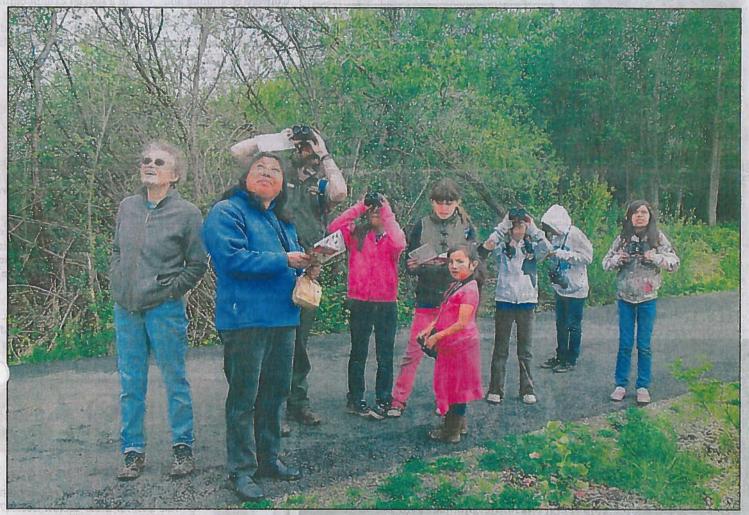
BACKYARD NATURE



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The North Cascades Institute, North Cascades National Park, the Mount Vernon Police Department and the U.S. Forest Service often take youths from the Kulshan Creek neighborhood far afield to learn about nature. But on May 14, those organizations held a Nature Day right in the neighborhood. Students in grades K-8 studied small invertebrates from Kulshan Creek, viewed birds along Kulshan Trail and planted in the new garden at the neighborhood police station. Pictured from left are group leaders Ginny Darvill, Carmen Martinez and Michael Cook; Yessly Herrera, 9; Alondra Dominguez, 12; Rubi Victoria-Reyes, 5; Selena Plasencia, 6; Ruth Castro, 12; and Marianna Torres-Tovar, 11.

